REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Title of Publication:	DSCF0571.JPG
Other Known Title:	Not Stated
Format:	Computer Image File Printout
Director/Author:	Not Applicable
Producer/Publisher:	Not Applicable
Country of Origin:	New Zealand, Philippines
Language:	Not Stated
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Distributor:	Not Applicable
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive Note:	Not Applicable
Display Conditions:	Not Applicable
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Excisions:	Not Applicable

Reasons for excisions:

Not Applicable

Summary of reasons for classification:

The computer image file printout *DSCF0571.JPG* is classified as: Objectionable.

The publication is a computer image file printout that contains a sexualised image of a naked boy aged 8-12 years. By presenting a sexualised image of a child, the publication encourages a sexual interest in children. It also advances the idea that children are ready for adult forms of sexual activity. As such it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes, and is deemed objectionable under s3(2)(a) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act).

The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression, as set out in section 14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. This outcome is consistent, however, with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the FVPC Act are deemed to be objectionable. The classification is also a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that promote and support the exploitation of children for sexual purposes.